

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Art Noonan, on March 23, 2009 at 3:00
A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Noonan, Chairman (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Staff Present: Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 641

Executive Action: None

00:01:22 Chairman Noonan asked Vice Chairwoman Robyn Driscoll to serve as temporary Chair.

HEARING ON HB 641

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:34 Rep. Art Noonan (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on
HB 641, Energy efficiency weatherization standard.
00:03:07 Rep. O'Hara arrived.
00:03:52 Rep. Jopek arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:13 Rep. Dick Barrett, HD 93, Missoula
[EXHIBIT\(feh64a01\)](#)
00:11:05 John Vincent, Commissioner, Public Service Commission
[EXHIBIT\(feh64a02\)](#)
00:14:59 Rep. Stahl arrived.
00:19:44 Bob Rowe, Northwestern Energy
[EXHIBIT\(feh64a03\)](#)
00:27:44 Tim Tolman, CTA Architects
00:29:21 Eric Stern, Senior Counsel, Office of the Governor
00:31:08 Thomas Power, self
00:37:09 Jason Miller, Montana Brotherhood of Carpenters
00:37:24 Rep. Augare arrived.
00:37:25 Jim Morton, Human Resource Council
00:37:59 Ben Brouwer, Alternative Energy Resource Organization
(AERO)
00:38:23 Don Judge, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation
(WEEL)
00:38:58 Patrick Judge, Northwest Energy Coalition
[EXHIBIT\(feh64a04\)](#)
00:39:30 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
00:39:42 Maureen Weiland, Associated Students of Montana State
University (ASMSU)
00:39:54 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
00:40:04 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)
00:40:26 Matt Leow, Northern Plains Resource Council
00:40:41 Allison Savage, Citizens for a Better Flathead
[EXHIBIT\(feh64a05\)](#)
00:41:01 Chuck Magraw, Natural Resources and Defense Council/NRD

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:31 John Alke, Montana-Dakota Utilities
[EXHIBIT\(feh64a06\)](#)

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00:55:40 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives (MECo)
01:01:49 Ross Holter, Flathead Electric Cooperative
EXHIBIT (feh64a07)
01:06:13 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
01:08:08 Brad Molnar, Commissioner, Public Service Commission
01:14:38 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Public Service Commission

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:21 Rep. Wiseman
01:15:42 Rep. Noonan
01:16:14 Mr. Magraw
01:20:47 Rep. Wiseman
01:21:11 Mr. Magraw
01:23:17 Rep. Wiseman
01:23:36 Mr. Magraw
01:25:22 Rep. Phillips
01:26:17 Dr. Power
01:29:12 Rep. Phillips
01:29:37 Mr. Alke
01:32:12 Rep. Phillips
01:33:30 Rep. Noonan
01:35:15 Rep. Regier
01:35:41 Rep. Noonan
01:36:10 Pat Corcoran, Northwestern Energy
01:36:45 Rep. Regier
01:37:13 Mr. Corcoran
01:37:41 Rep. Reichner
01:38:33 Mr. Magraw
01:40:27 Rep. Reichner
01:40:36 Mr. Magraw
01:41:17 Rep. Reichner
01:41:33 Mr. Magraw
01:42:14 Rep. Reichner
01:43:07 Mr. Holter
01:44:05 Rep. Reichner
01:44:07 Mr. Holter
01:44:17 Rep. MacLaren
01:44:41 Mr. Hardy
01:45:27 Rep. MacLaren
01:45:35 Mr. Hardy
01:46:52 Rep. Wiseman
01:47:17 Mr. Hardy
01:47:18 Rep. Wiseman
01:47:47 Mr. Hardy
01:49:19 Rep. Wiseman
01:50:07 Mr. Corcoran

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01:51:02 Rep. Wiseman
01:51:28 Mr. Corcoran
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01:56:30 Rep. Wiseman
01:56:45 Mr. Corcoran
01:57:38 Rep. Wiseman
01:58:01 Mr. Corcoran
01:58:04 Rep. Wiseman
01:58:17 Mr. Corcoran
01:58:49 Rep. Wiseman
01:59:06 Mr. Corcoran
02:00:08 Rep. Wiseman
02:00:17 Mr. Corcoran
02:00:33 Rep. Phillips
02:01:02 Mr. Magraw
02:01:56 Rep. Phillips
02:02:51 Mr. Alke

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:48 Rep. Noonan

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ADJOURNMENT

02:19:20 Adjournment: 5:19 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits

EXHIBIT(feh64a08) - Efficiency Works! slides - Charlie Grist,
NPCC

EXHIBIT(feh64a09) - Grey Bill of HB 641

EXHIBIT(feh64a10) - Electric Consumers Resource Council

EXHIBIT(feh64a11) - Montana Electric Cooperatives Association

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh64aad.pdf](#))